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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before paragraph [0001], please insert the heading FIELD OF THE INVENTION.

Before paragraph [0002], please insert the heading BACKGROUND.

After paragraph [0002], please insert paragraph [0002.1] as follows:

[0002.1] U.S. Pat. No. 3,708,231 shows a device to detect angular changes of a component, whereby the reflection behavior of a light beam on a slanted, plane surface is evaluated.

Component deformations such as, for example, bending, cannot be detected with this arrangement. French Patent No. 2,578,974 relates to a device to determine a force or the movement resulting from said force. Here, inside a flexible housing, there is a light transmitter and, opposite from it in the housing, an optical receiver. Due to the optical property or characteristic of the light that propagates in the housing, a deformation of the housing can be

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